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SUMMARY

1. SCIATT MET WITH MIN HEALTH UNDERSECRETARY GOMAA AND DIR. SUPREME COUNCIL HEALTH SVCS DR. L. IBRAHIM AT THEIR REQUEST TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCT. MTGS OF HEALTH SECRETARIAT, TRAINING EVALUATION TEAM, AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUB COMMITTEE. EGYPTIANS RAISED EXTENDING PERIOD OF STAY, SITE VISITS, AND SUPPORT OF THREE GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

2. GOMAA SAID THAT THREE DAYS ALLOCATED (REFD) FOR BIO-MEDICAL RESEARCH SUB COMMITTEE AND TRAINING EVALUATION TEAM WAS TOO SHORT FOR SITE VISITS AND MTG. HE SUGGESTS US STAY FROM OCT. 11-15 FOR EACH OF THESE GROUPS: THESE TWO GROUPS ALONG WITH HEALTH SECRETARIAT WOULD DEPART EGYPT OCT. 9 AND RETURN OCT. 16. GOMAA WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NLM, NIH, SMITHSONIAN AND UNIV. OF TENNESSEE WHERE HE HAS HAD SOME CONTACTS RE HOSPITAL PLANNING. DR. IBRAHIM AND TWO NURSES WOULD LIKE TO VISIT APPROPRIATE NURSING AND PARA MEDICAL FACILITIES, LEAVING SELECTION TO HEW. IBRAHIM ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SELECTED EGYPTIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NOW IN TRAINING IN US, PARTICULARLY AID PARTICIPANTS, IF

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POSSIBLE.

3. GOMAA RAISED QUESTION OF SUPPORT OF THREE GROUPS. IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT BECAUSE THESE WERE QUOTE US INVITEES UNQUOTE, RECEIVING SIDE SHOULD PAY ALL EXPENSES INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. HE WAS TOLD THAT PROJECT HOPE EXPECTED TO ISSUE TICKETS FOR SECRETARIAT THROUGH EMB (REF A), AND THAT EVALUATION TEAM TRAVEL AND EXPENSES WOULD ALSO BE BORNE BY HEW (REFS C, E). RE BIOMED RESEARCH, HE WAS TOLD EMB WOULD QUERY HEW. MOH ALSO WANTED TO INSURE THAT ALL EGYPTIANS GET THE SAME PERDIEM. INFO ON HOTEL RESERVATIONS ALSO DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE ON THESE POINTS, PARTICULARLY SUPPORT OF BIOMED RESEARCH TEAM ASAP.

4. GOMAA ALSO ASKED ABOUT VISIT OF DR. A.W. EL BOROLOSSY, NAT. ORGANIZATION FOR DRUG CONTROL AND RESEARCH, ALSO SUGGESTED FOR OCT. 11-15. GOMAA'S VIEW IS THAT THIS VISIT IS AT FDA INVITATION, HENCE HEW SHOULD PAY TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. EL BOROLOSSY WANTS TO TRAVEL CAIRO-PARIS-WASH AND RETURN. ADVISE.

5. RE CRISPELL VISIT (REF F), DOWIDAR WILL DISCUSS DETAILS IN WASH. GOMAA SAYS FULL GROUP MED EDUCATORS NOW SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1977 VISIT, NOT NOV/DEC AS INDICATED ON REFERENCE.

6. SICATT TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO BRING CONTENTS OF REF C TO GOMAA'S ATTENTION AND POINTED OUT LIMITATIONS ON US ABILITY TO SUPPORT FULL VISIT EXPENSES IN MOST CASES. DIFFERENCES IN MECHANISMS USED, E.G., PL-480, AID PARTICIPANT TRAINING WERE ALSO NOTED AND NEED FOR LEADTIME AND EARLY REQUESTS IN ALL CASES EMPHASIZED. GOMAA INTENDS TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF SUPPORT WITH ERLICH IN WASHINGTON.

7. COMMENT: MOH OBVIOUSLY EXPECTS HEW TO FUND ALL THREE GROUPS AND EL BOROLOSSY VISIT, ON GROUNDS THAT THESE ARE HEW QUOTE INVITEES UNQUOTE. APPARENTLY NO PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR MOH SUPPORT. EMB URGES THAT FULL RANGE OF MOH AND HEW CAPABILITIES FOR SUPPORT BE DISCUSSED WITH GOMAA AND THAT IN FUTURE, EXACTLY WHO WILL PAY FOR WHAT AND PROCEDURES TO BE SPELLED OUT AT TIME VISITS OR INVITATIONS ARE FIRST DEFINED.

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